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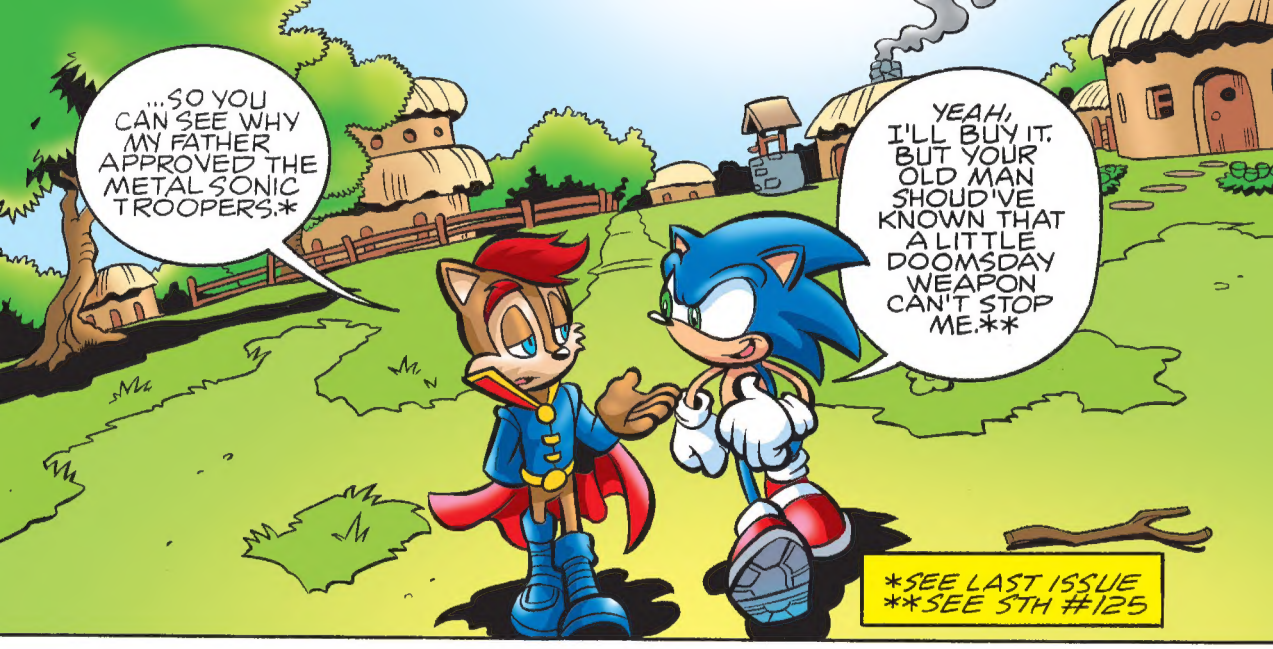


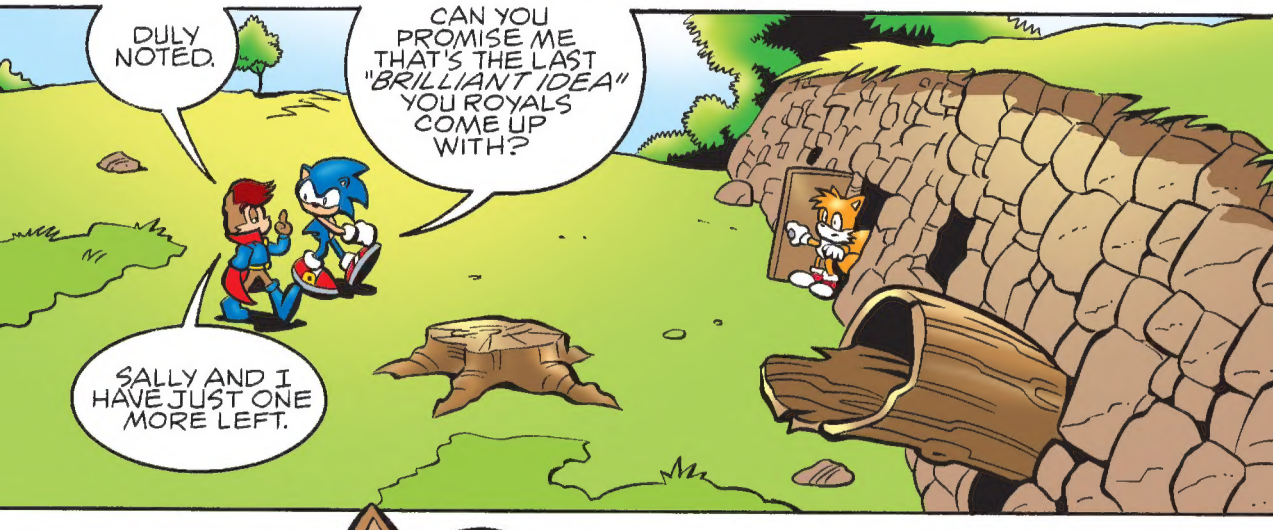


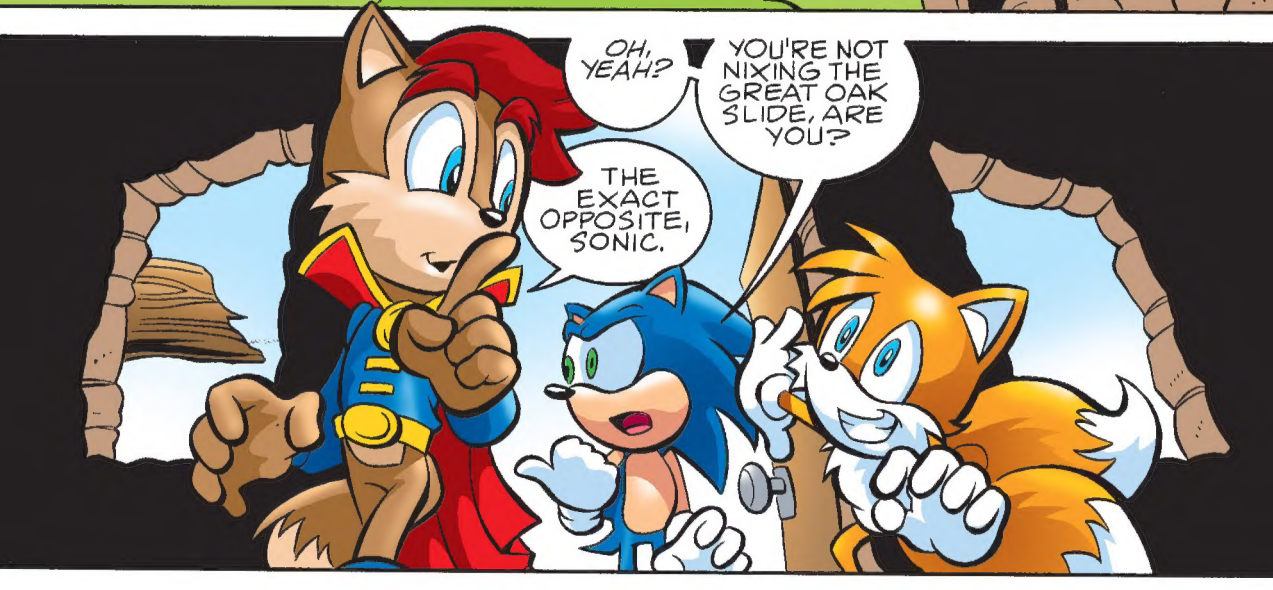


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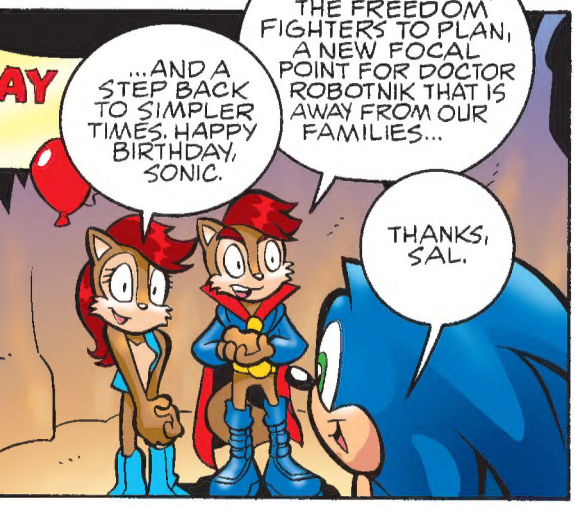
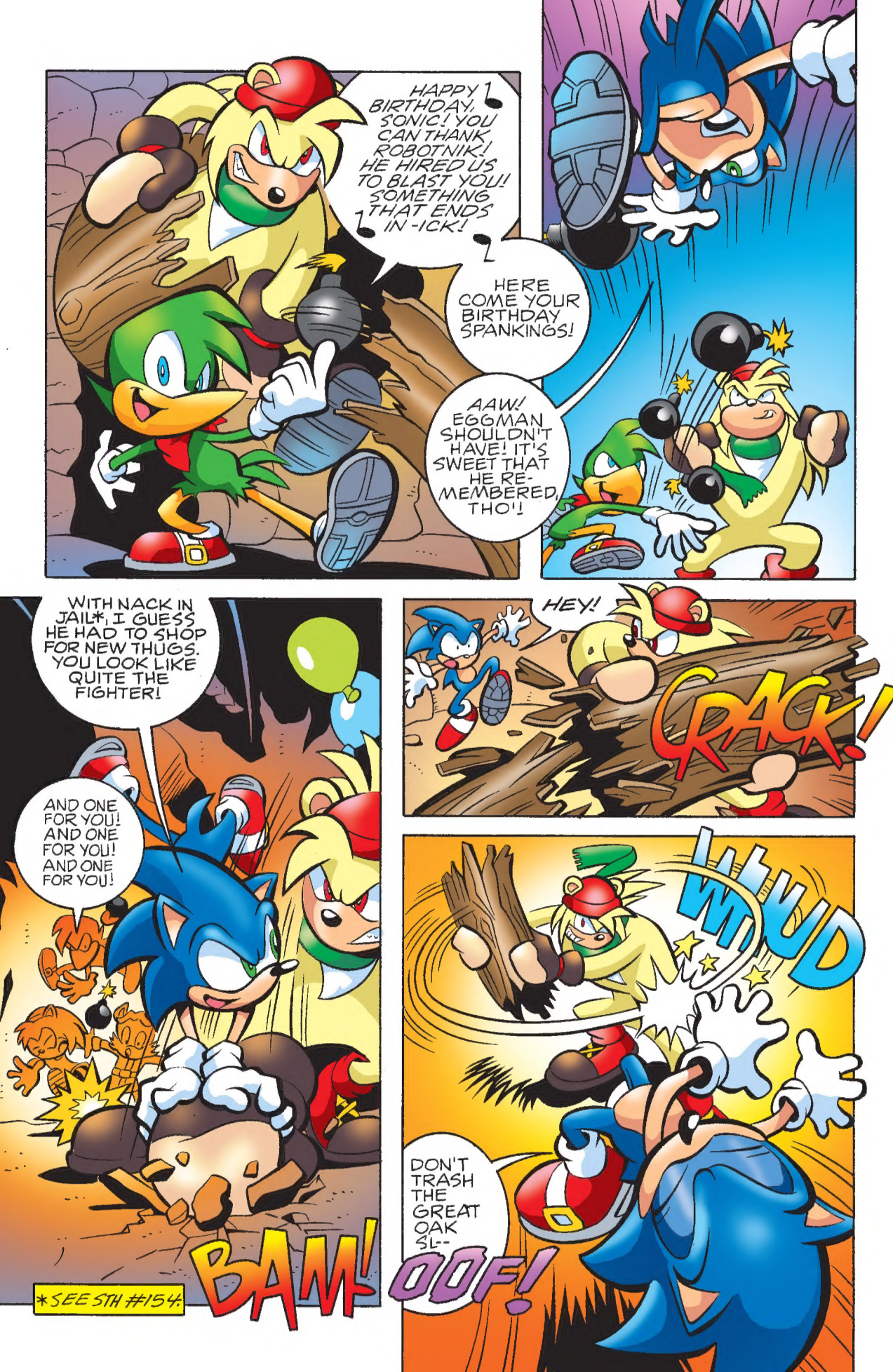
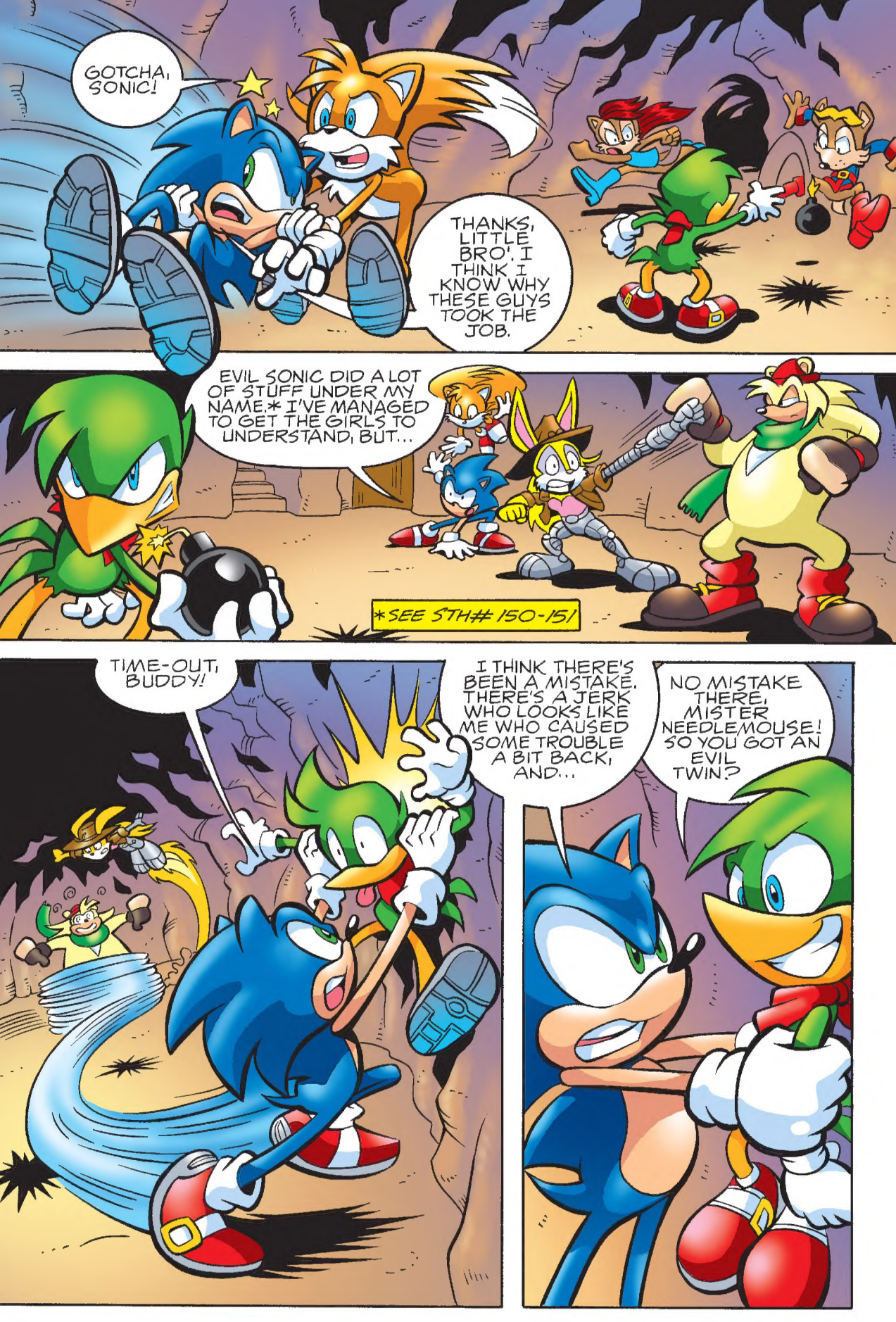
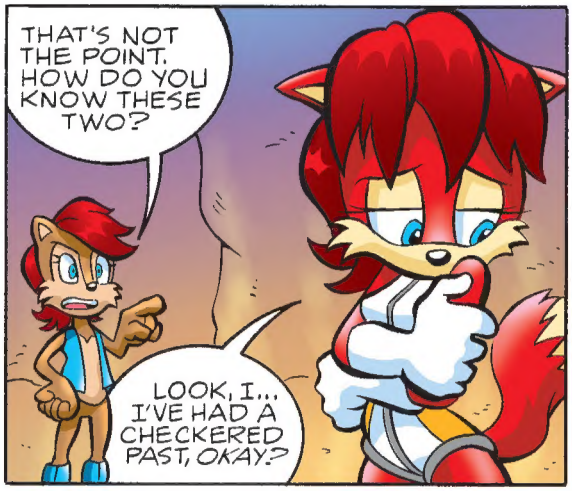


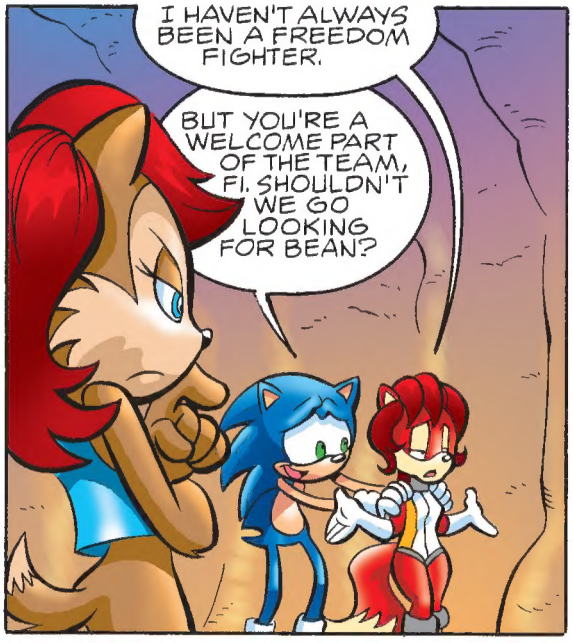

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC! YOU CAN THANK ROBOTNIK! HE HIRED US TO BLAST YOU! SOMETHING THAT ENDS IN -ICK!
HERE COME YOUR BIRTHDAY SPANKINGS!
AAW! EGGMAN SHOULDN'T HAVE! IT'S SWEET THAT HE RE-MEMBERED, THO'!
WITH NACK IN JAIL*, I GUESS HE HAD TO SHOP FOR NEW THUGS. YOU LOOK LIKE QUITE THE FIGHTER!
AND ONE FOR YOU! AND ONE FOR YOU! AND ONE FOR YOU!
*SEE STH #154
BAM!
HEY!
CRACK!
WHUD
DON'T TRASH THE GREAT OAK SL--
OOF!


GOTCHA, SONIC!
THANKS, LITTLE BRO'. I THINK I KNOW WHY THESE GUYS TOOK THE JOB.
EVIL SONIC DID A LOT OF STUFF UNDER MY NAME.* I'VE MANAGED TO GET THE GIRLS TO UNDERSTAND, BUT...
*SEE STH# 150-151
TIME-OUT, BUDDY!
I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE. THERE'S A JERK WHO LOOKS LIKE ME WHO CAUSED SOME TROUBLE A BIT BACK, AND...
NO MISTAKE THERE, MISTER NEEDLEMOUSE! SO YOU GOT AN EVIL TWIN?

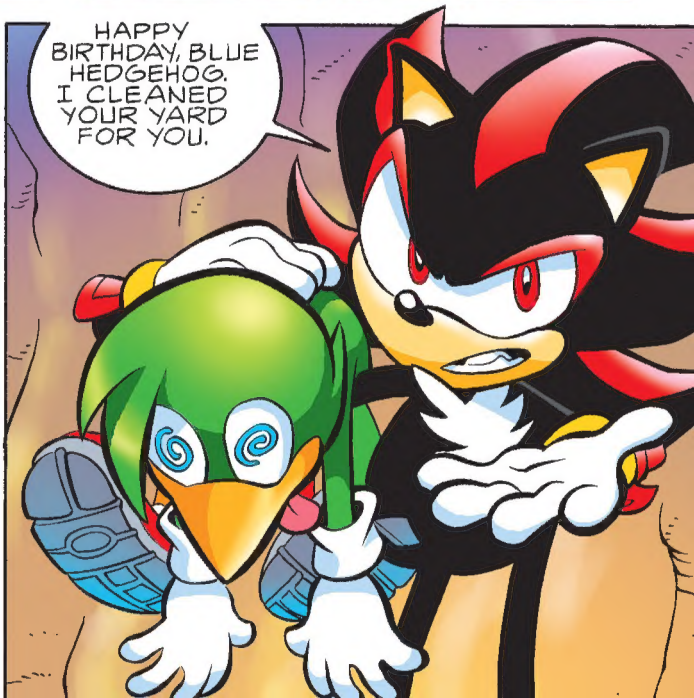
"FRANKLY, COBALT, I DON'T GIVE A DARN!"
NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
LET THE MASTER THIEF STEAL THE GEM AND LEAVE THE DECOY DUTIES TO--
--EVIL SONIC?!
...OH, SNAP. LOCKE DIDN'T CATCH YOU?
THE DEAL WAS... YOU DISTRACT HIM THIS TIME!
I DIDN'T SEE HIM, SO I FIGURED HE'D GOTTEN TO YOU ALREADY!
AHEM.
MY PATIENCE HAS WORN THIN.
GIVE ME A BREAK, MAN!

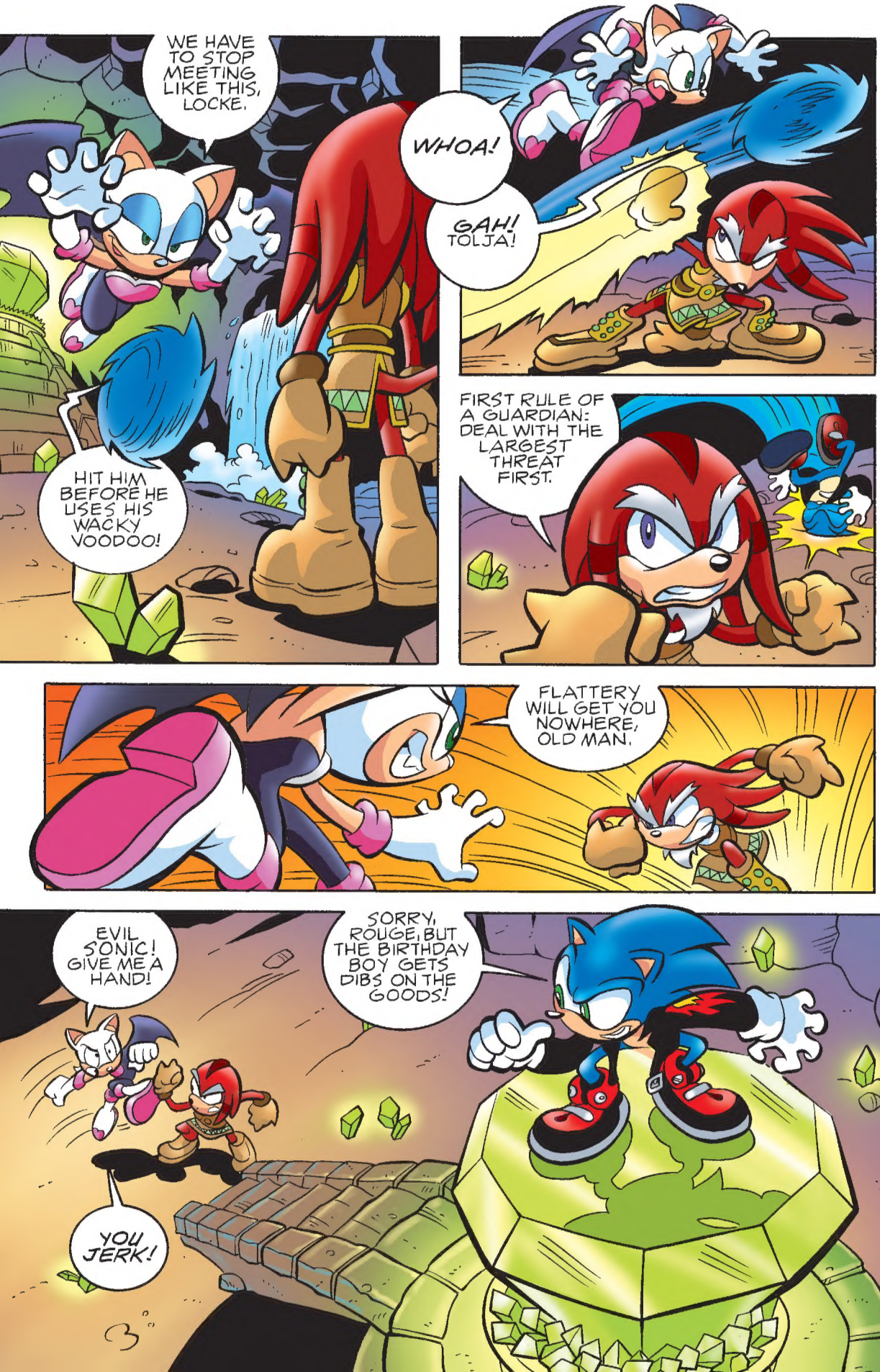
YOU HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO, FIONA!
SORRY FOR HELPING OUT. GO, TEAM.


THAT'S NOT THE POINT. HOW DO YOU KNOW THESE TWO?
LOOK, I... I'VE HAD A CHECKERED PAST, OKAY?

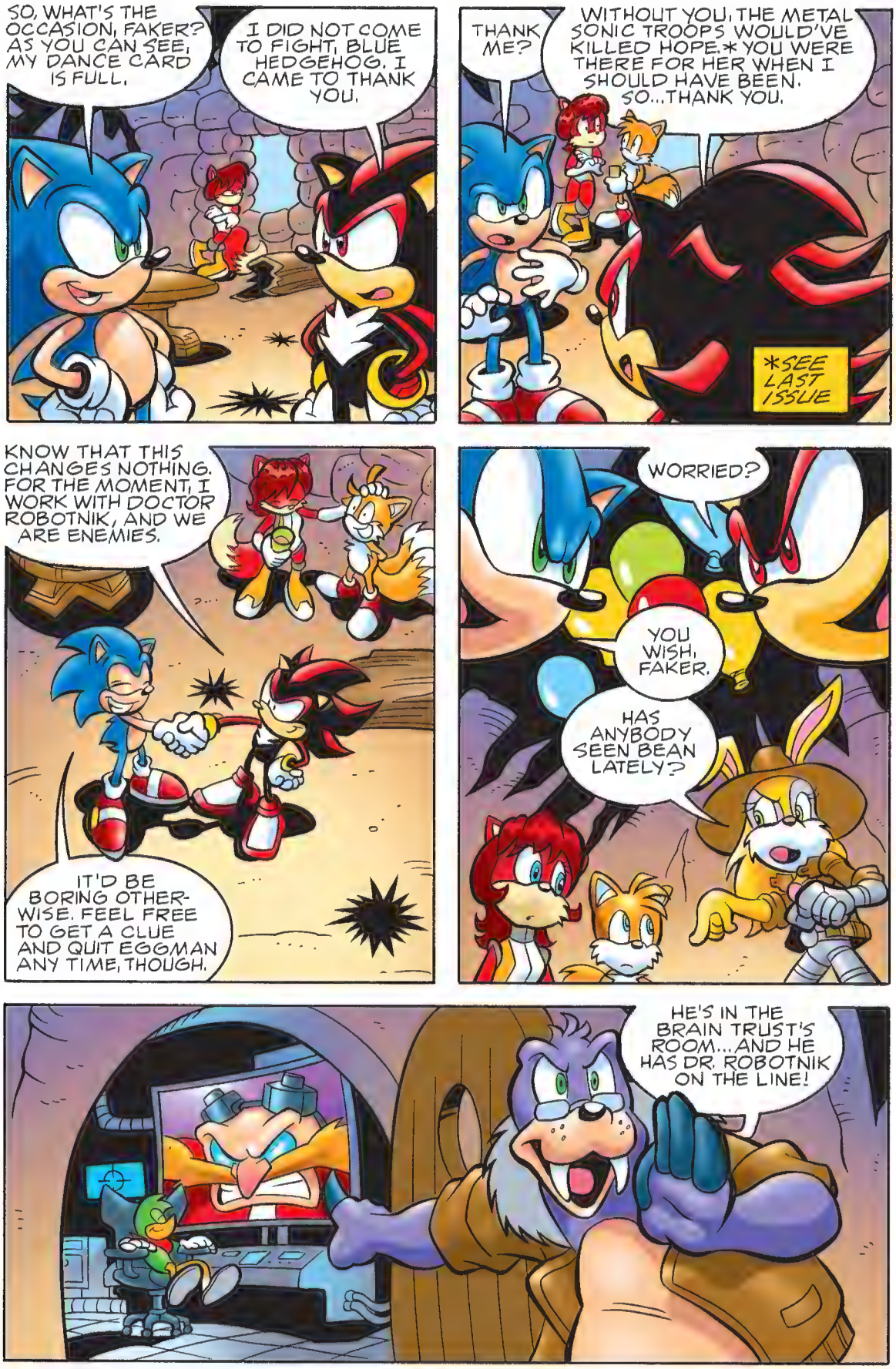

I HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
BUT YOU'RE A WELCOME PART OF THE TEAM, FI. SHOULDN'T WE GO LOOKING FOR BEAN?

NO NEED.

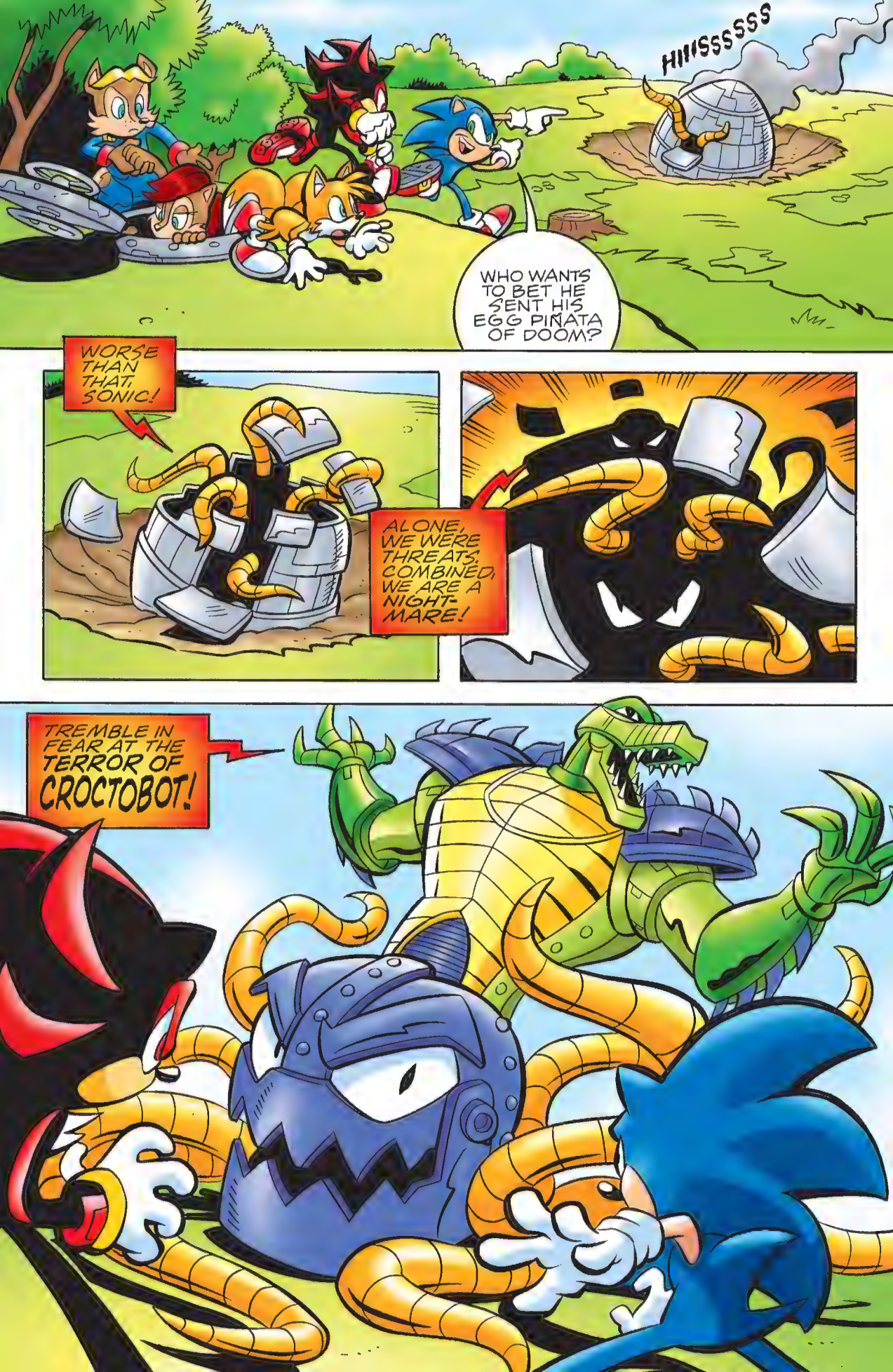

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BLUE HEDGEHOG. I CLEANED YOUR YARD FOR YOU.

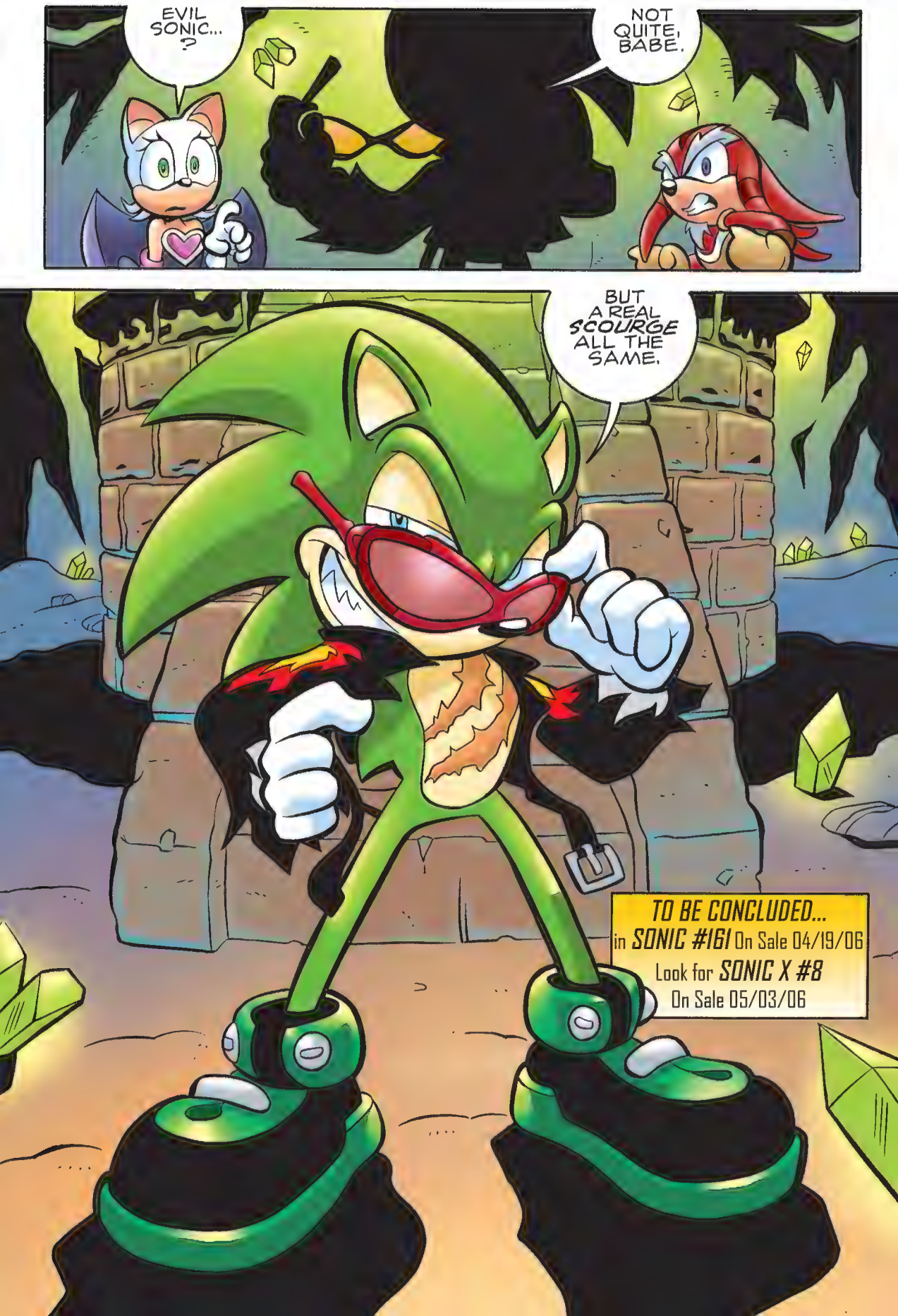

WE HAVE TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS, LOCKE.
HIT HIM BEFORE HE USES HIS WACKY VOODOO!
WHOA!
GAH! TOLJA!
FIRST RULE OF A GUARDIAN: DEAL WITH THE LARGEST THREAT FIRST.
FLATTERY WILL GET YOU NOWHERE, OLD MAN.
EVIL SONIC! GIVE ME A HAND!
YOU JERK!
SORRY, ROUGE, BUT THE BIRTHDAY BOY GETS DIBS ON THE GOODS!

WOO-HAH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR PRIORITIES JUST SHIFTED. SERVES YOU RIGHT, TRAITOR.
NO!!!
GET OFF OF THE MASTER EMERALD!
YOU BOTH HAD YOUR CHANCE.
YOU LIKE TO PLAY IT ROUGH, HUH? LET'S GO!
THE BIRTHDAY BOY GETS FIRST DIBS, ROUGE.


SO, WHAT'S THE OCCASION, FAKER? AS YOU CAN SEE, MY DANCE CARD IS FULL.
I DID NOT COME TO FIGHT, BLUE HEDGEHOG. I CAME TO THANK YOU.
THANK ME?
WITHOUT YOU, THE METAL SONIC TROOPS WOULD'VE KILLED HOPE.* YOU WERE THERE FOR HER WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN. SO...THANK YOU.
*SEE LAST ISSUE
KNOW THAT THIS CHANGES NOTHING. FOR THE MOMENT, I WORK WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, AND WE ARE ENEMIES.
IT'D BE BORING OTHERWISE. FEEL FREE TO GET A CLUE AND QUIT EGGMAN ANY TIME, THOUGH.
WORRIED?
YOU WISH, FAKER.
HAS ANYBODY SEEN BEAN LATELY?
HE'S IN THE BRAIN TRUST'S ROOM...AND HE HAS DR. ROBOTNIK ON THE LINE!

...AND SO, YEAH, WE GOT BEAT. JUST THOUGHT I'D LET YOU KNOW.
NEVER TRUST A MOBIAN TO DO A ROBOT'S JOB. YOU'RE FIRED. I'M SENDING ONE OF MY OWN TO FINISH THE JOB!
BEAN? GO SIT WITH BARK.
AWW...
WHAT ARE YOU SENDING NOW, EGGMAN? YOUR NEWEST TOYS BROKE EASILY.
I'M LAUNCHING IT NOW, SONIC. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MWAHAHAHA!
LAUNCH? INCOMING MISSILE?
NO, SOME KIND OF ONE-WAY TRANSPORT...
WHUD
THAT WAS FAST.


HIIISSSSSS
WHO WANTS TO BET HE SENT HIS EGG PIÑATA OF DOOM?
WORSE THAN THAT, SONIC!
ALONE, WE WERE THREATS. COMBINED, WE ARE A NIGHT-MARE!
TREMBLE IN FEAR AT THE TERROR OF CROCTOBOT!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NOT QUITE, BABE.
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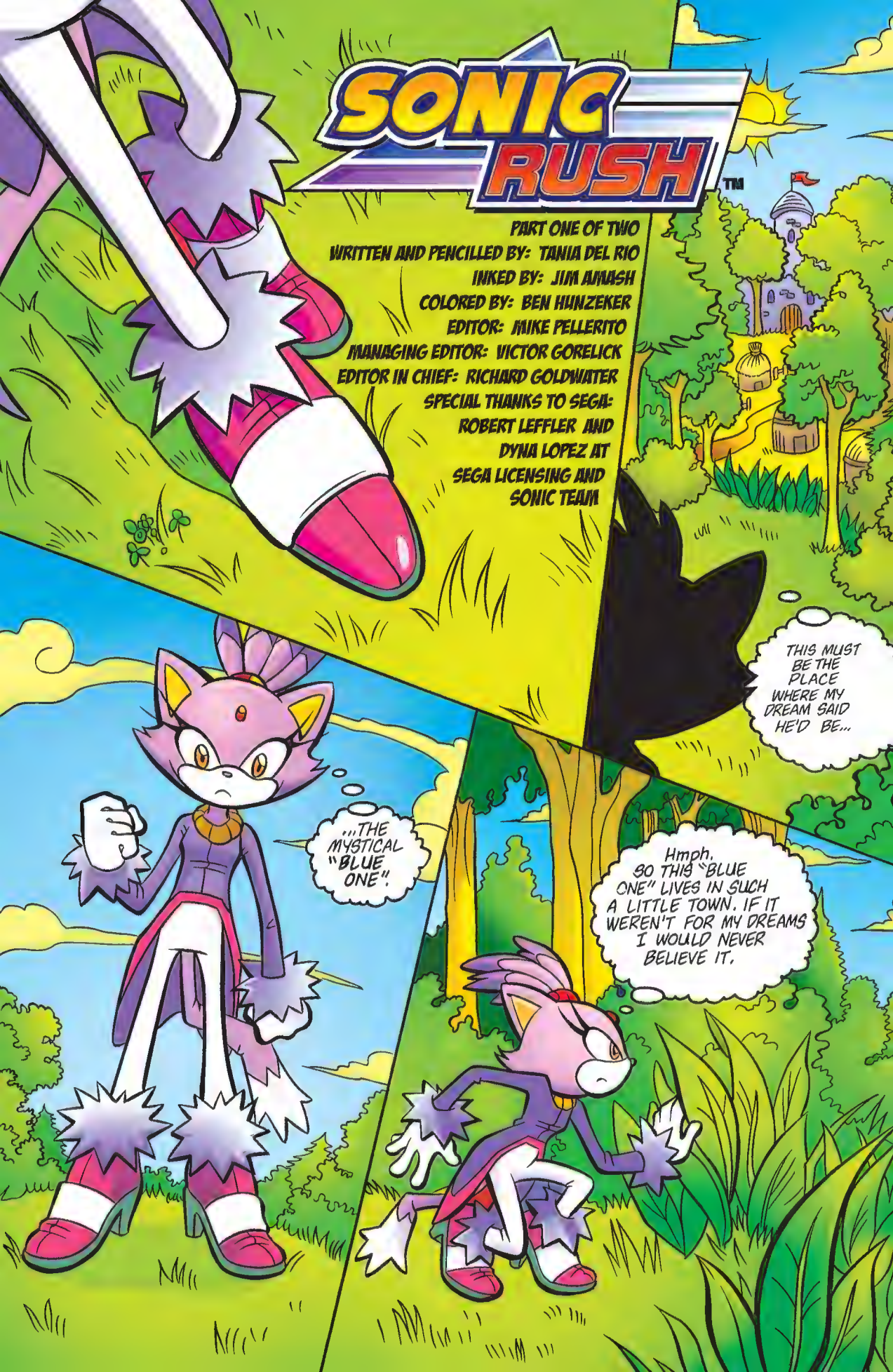
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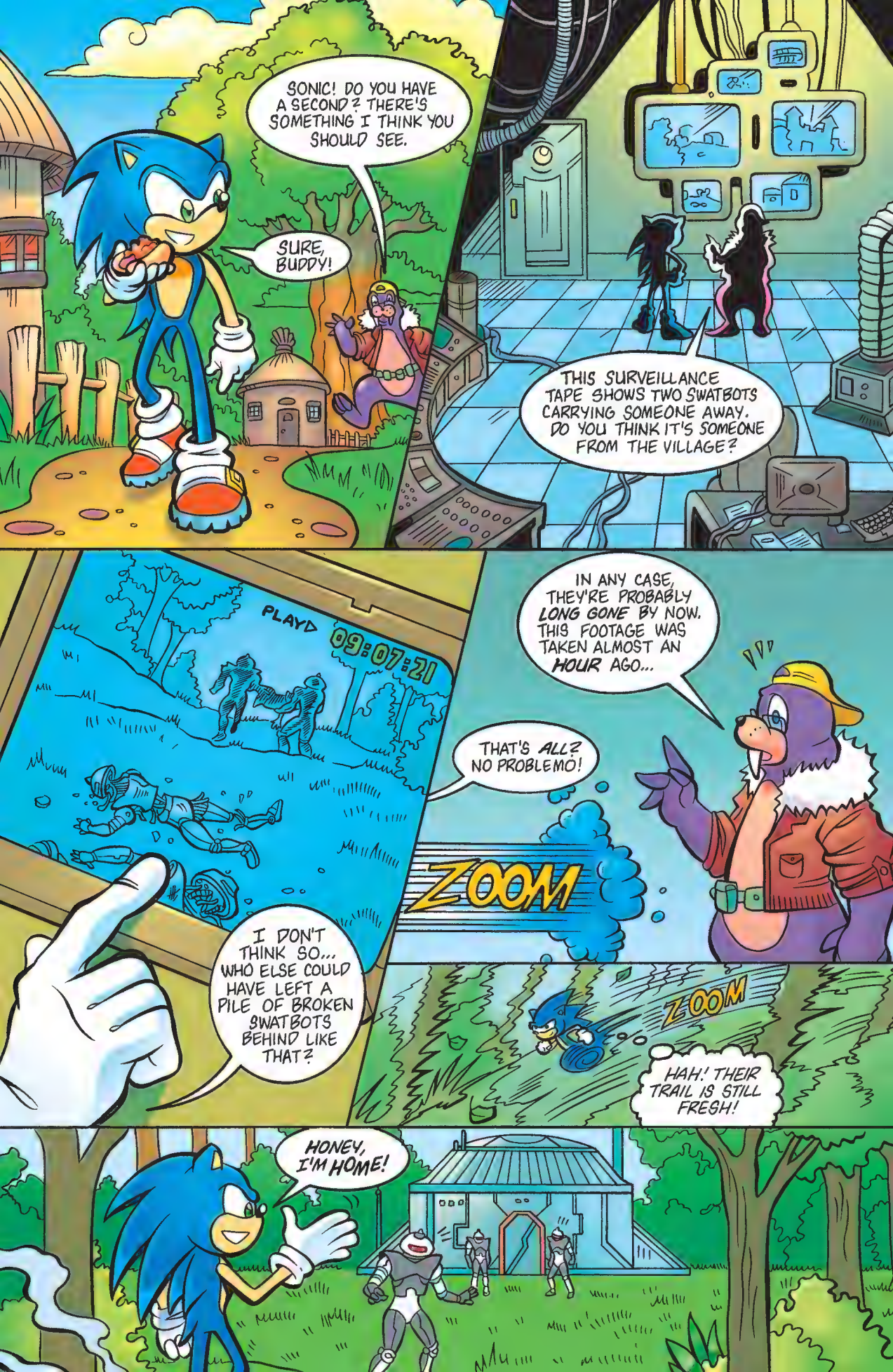
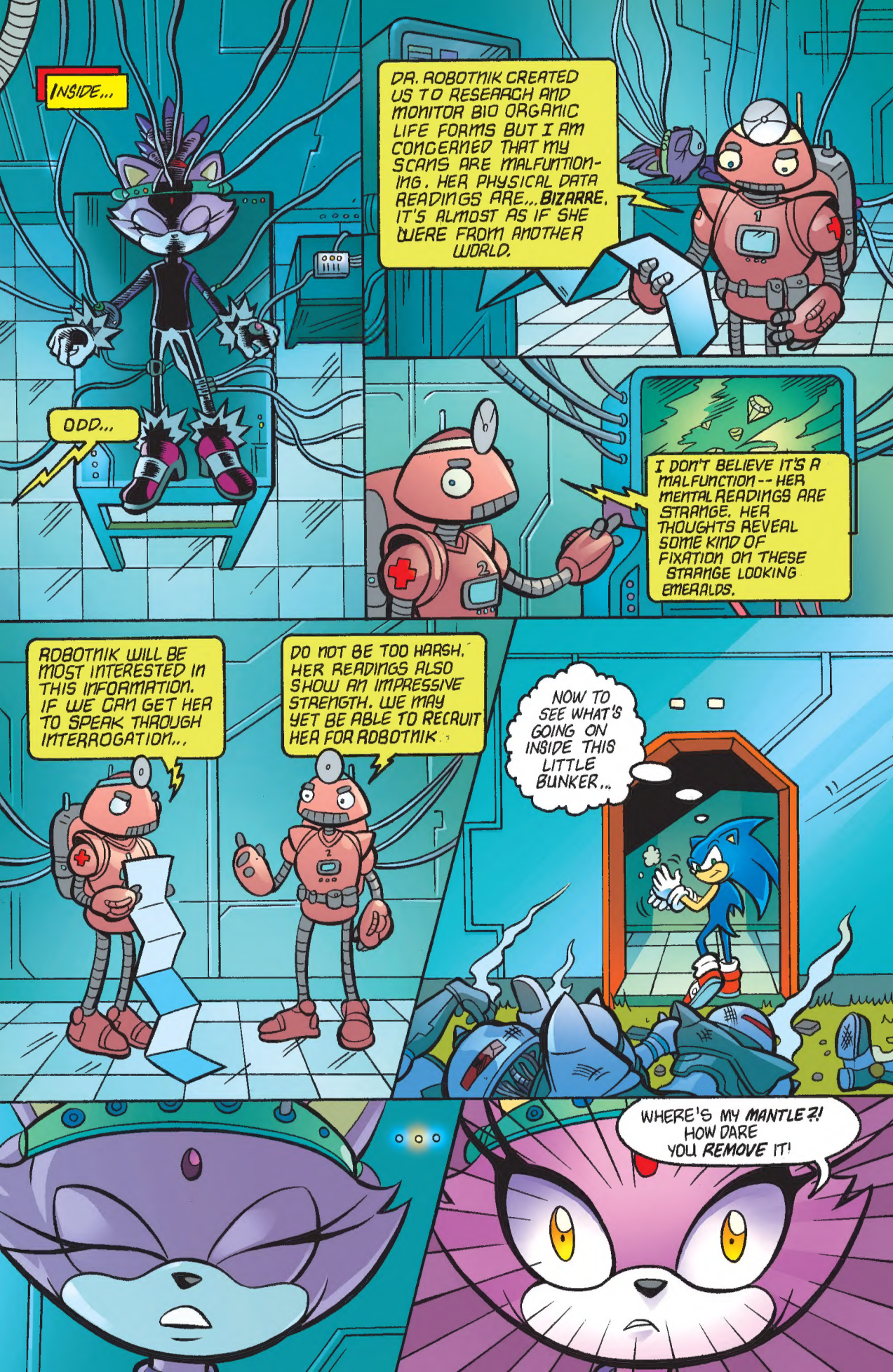
THIS MUST BE THE PLACE WHERE MY DREAM SAID HE'D BE...
...THE MYSTICAL "BLUE ONE".
Hmph. SO THIS "BLUE ONE" LIVES IN SUCH A LITTLE TOWN. IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY DREAMS I WOULD NEVER BELIEVE IT.

I CAN'T DENY WHAT MY DREAMS TELL ME... THAT MY SOL EMERALDS WILL BE IN DANGER AND THIS "BLUE ONE" IS THE KEY TO KEEPING THEM SAFE.
BUT WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO SEEK THIS "BLUE ONE" OUT WHEN THE SOL EMERALDS ARE MY SOLE RESPONSIBILITY? HOW IRRITATING!
IF THE SOL EMERALDS ARE THREATENED, I MUST PROTECT THEM.
HALT! UNKNOWN SUBJECT SIGHTED.
HE APPEARS TO BE SPYING ON KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.
SCAN HIM.
RESULTS UNKNOWN. CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS FRIEND OR FOE.
HE'S NOT WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE. TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY-- WE CAN INTERROGATE HIM LATER.
USE STEALTH. ATTACK WITH A STUN BOLT FIRST.

ZAP
HE'S SO STRONG!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING "HE"?
THWACK
THWACK
KONK
QUICK! RESTRAIN HIM! Er, HER.


SONIC! DO YOU HAVE A SECOND? THERE'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE.
SURE, BUDDY!
THIS SURVEILLANCE TAPE SHOWS TWO SWATBOTS CARRYING SOMEONE AWAY. DO YOU THINK IT'S SOMEONE FROM THE VILLAGE?
PLAYD 09:07:21
I DON'T THINK SO... WHO ELSE COULD HAVE LEFT A PILE OF BROKEN SWATBOTS BEHIND LIKE THAT?
IN ANY CASE, THEY'RE PROBABLY LONG GONE BY NOW. THIS FOOTAGE WAS TAKEN ALMOST AN HOUR AGO...
THAT'S ALL? NO PROBLEMO!
ZOOM
ZOOM
HAH! THEIR TRAIL IS STILL FRESH!
HONEY, I'M HOME!


INSIDE...
ODD...
DR. ROBOTNIK CREATED US TO RESEARCH AND MONITOR BIO ORGANIC LIFE FORMS BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT MY SCANS ARE MALFUNTIONING. HER PHYSICAL DATA READINGS ARE... BIZARRE. IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE WERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A MALFUNCTION -- HER MENTAL READINGS ARE STRANGE. HER THOUGHTS REVEAL SOME KIND OF FIXATION ON THESE STRANGE LOOKING EMERALDS.
ROBOTNIK WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION. IF WE CAN GET HER TO SPEAK THROUGH INTERROGATION...
DO NOT BE TOO HARSH. HER READINGS ALSO SHOW AN IMPRESSIVE STRENGTH. WE MAY YET BE ABLE TO RECRUIT HER FOR ROBOTNIK.
NOW TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THIS LITTLE BUNKER...
...
WHERE'S MY MANTLE?! HOW DARE YOU REMOVE IT!

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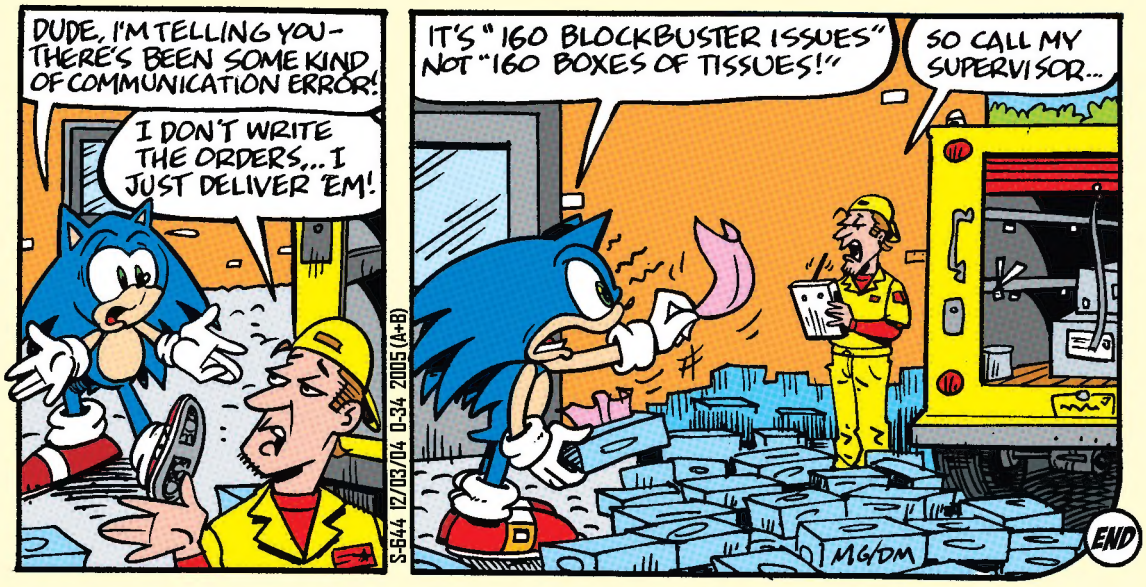


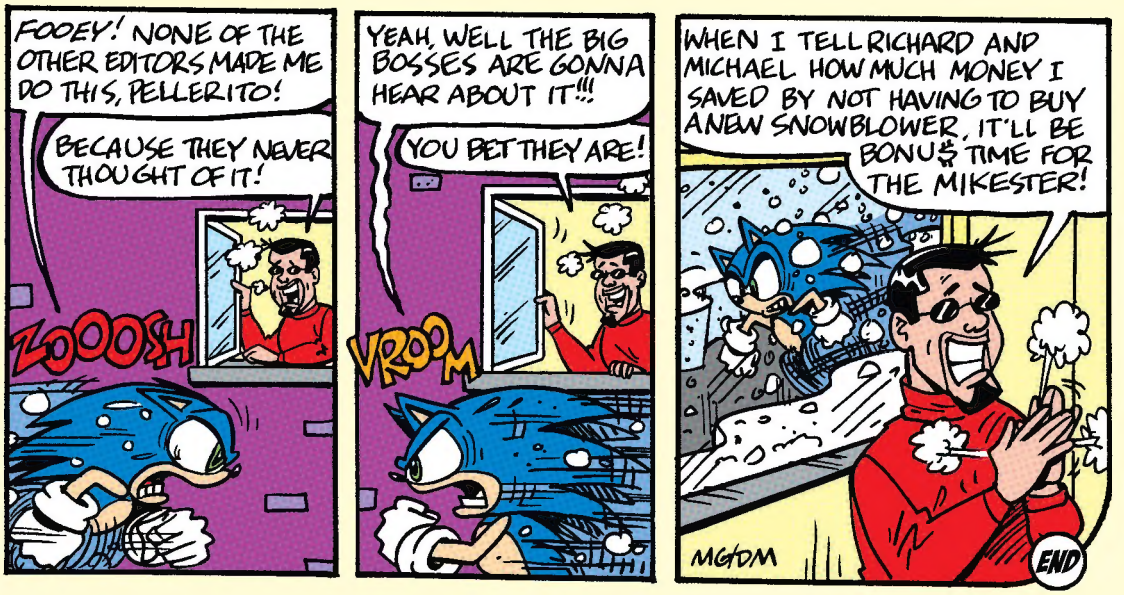

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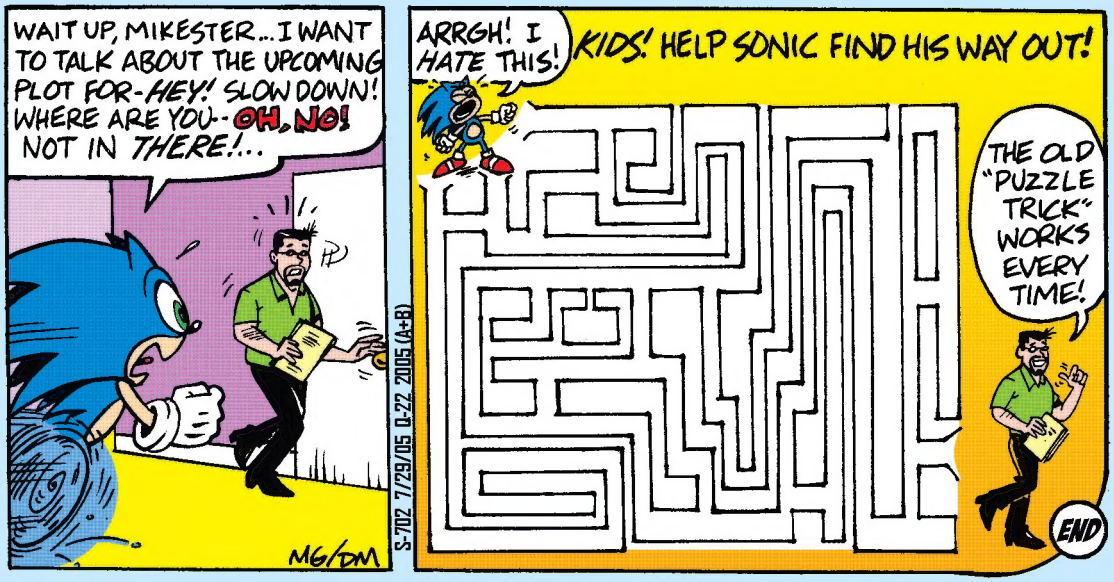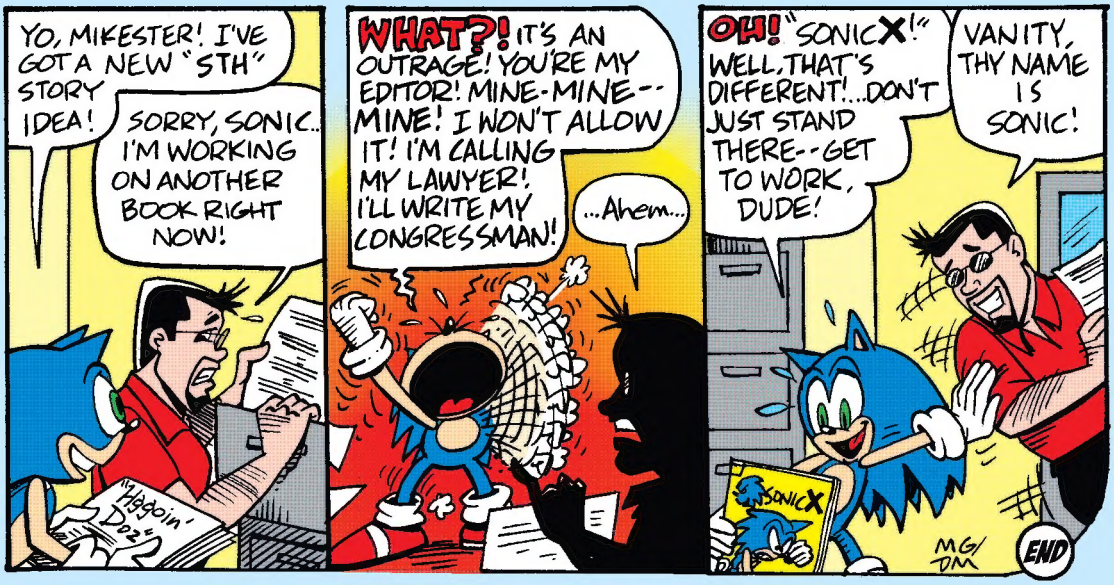
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